

'Hazards' of Summer Living; Ole Sol Rounds the Equinox Bringin' Troubles

Summer's Fun But Slightly 'Hazardous'

This is election year, National Bow Tie Week, and—Summer! Elections are still a long way off, and Bow Tie Week will soon be gone, but summer is here for several more months, unofficial of course.

When the ole Summer Sun pokes its shining face over the vernal equinox, organized social life in Torrance collapses like a punctured beach ball while fun-seeking families head for the hills, the beach, and the backyard patio.

These annual safaris to the piny woods of Lake Arrowhead, the sandy stretches of Balboa, and to the backyard are not entirely free of hazards that present themselves only in summer.

The hazards of summer living! On a picnic mother packs the deviled egg sandwiches, the salt shaker, a can of olives—but no can opener. So Dad calls on his ingenuity and uses Junior's Boy Scout ax. This usually results in: (1) A dull ax. (2) Dirt in the olives. (3) A set of skinned knuckles for Dad.

Then, who hasn't tried to open a bottle (pop) without an opener. There are those clever enough to open a bottle using the edge of the car bumper. This usually gouges the chrome but the cap (and a little of the Lottie) usually pops right off. The jarring of the warm liquid quite often causes it to shoot out of the bottle like Old Faithful, to spray all within 10 feet.

The hazards of summer living!

At the beach junior insists on roasting his own hot dog. He drops it in the sand. Unhappy, and unseen, he puts it back and takes another. The next hungry picnicker chomps down and grinds away at least a year's thickness of enamel.

In the backyard the dangers of summer living make the average patio a booby trap. For instance there is always the barbecue fork that gets too hot. While hickory smoke imparts a delightful flavor to steaks it does nothing for the eyes but put tears in them.

One of the real hazards of summer living is the work that summer brings. The grass grows like weeds and the weeds just grow and grow and grow. The incinerator fills quickly with the ashes of much yard cuttings. The power mower gets over heated and vapor lock sets in. Mother wants the redwood table moved to a new spot on the lawn, sister Susy's doll buggy loses a wheel when Junior tries to use it for an M-3 tank, and Dad gets a beautiful sunburn working without a shirt.

The hazards of summer living! Won't it be nice when winter comes and all we have to worry about is slipping on wet steps, putting out the burning Christmas tree that catches fire from a short circuit, and cutting ourselves on a chipped Tom and Jerry mug.



PICNIC PROBLEMS . . . A warm day, a bottle of pop, a real thirst, and no can-opener presents a hazard of summer living for this pretty picnicker, Thalia Boulter of 1318 Kornblum Ave.



(Swim suit courtesy of the Gay Shop.) A REAL CHALLENGE . . . And a real hazard encountered in summer living is the stubborn, complex, and almost unsolvable combination of the folding beach chair. Kay Garrity, 1327 Acacia Ave., will relax and enjoy the summer sun as soon as she unsnarls her new beach equipment—unless winter gets her first.

WAYS, MEANS PROJECTS DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL

Coordination of ways and means projects to conform with First District P. T. A. and school district policies was the chief item of a meeting held in the school district office last Monday morning, June 16.

Present during the discussion were Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent, all principals in the Torrance schools, unit PTA presidents, and ways and means chairmen in Torrance Council PTA, Mrs. C. F. Rees, first vice president of First District and Mrs. Victor Benard, president of Torrance Council PTA.

Budget and finance chairman of Torrance Council, Mrs. C. S. Connors, presented the policy of First District concerning such projects, while Dr. Hull discussed the points involved from the school district's point of view.

Little difference of opinion was found to exist between P. T. A. policy and that set up by the school district. Dr. Hull stated that all projects should operate through the school principal involved. He added that he wouldn't advise a set policy for all ways and means projects, as he believed each unit should develop its own individuality. Mrs. Rees stated that the P. T. A. was not a money-making organization and that any fund raising activity should be based on a definite need within the unit or community involved.



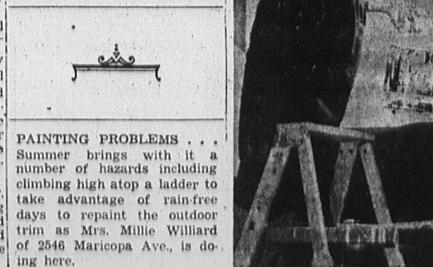
A REAL HAZARD . . . Mrs. Rebecca Wheeler, 1028 Felbar Ave., discovers that spring fever is a little late in arriving around her home.

The Social World



(Shorts and sweater courtesy of the Gay Shop)

SUMMER CAN BE SO COMPLICATED . . . Especially for a pretty but non-mechanically-minded girl like Sandra Gulbranson of 16937 Elgar Ave. A convertibeautiful is wonderful for California summers until the gimmick (they never do, say the manufacturer) and then this situation develops.



PAINTING PROBLEMS . . .

Summer brings with it a number of hazards including climbing high atop a ladder to take advantage of rain-free days to repaint the outdoor trim as Mrs. Millie Willard of 2546 Maricopa Ave., is doing here.

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